



State of California
 The Natural Resources Agency
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Tiger Creek Fuel Break - Good Neighbor Authority		
PROJECT LOCATION	10 miles east of Pioneer, CA (38° 27.6851N; -120° 27.0145W)	COUNTY	Amador
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Amador-El Dorado Unit		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Under the Good Neighbor Authority (16 U.S.C. § 2113a), The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) will implement fuels management activities to create and maintain effective fuel treatment continuity across approximately 325 acres of the Eldorado National Forest. Activities may occur along strategic ridgelines, road systems, ingress/egress routes, and adjacent forested areas and may include hand thinning, mechanical thinning, mastication, chipping, piling, pile burning, prescribed fire where authorized, lop and scatter, limbing, pruning, hazardous tree removal, roadside brushing, fuel break construction and maintenance, plantation thinning, and associated surface fuel reduction activities.

This Good Neighbor Authority project follows the NEPA decision listed below and utilizes CAL FIRE’s established contracting and operational procedures to streamline work on federal lands.

EXEMPTION STATUS

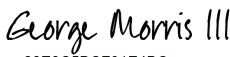
- Categorical Exemption Type and Section:
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): **Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)**
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The proposed project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Public Resources Code (PRC) § 4799.05(d)(1). This exemption applies to wildfire and fuel reduction projects on federal lands that have undergone NEPA review, provided a state or local agency is involved through funding, staffing, or a Good Neighbor Authority agreement.

All work planned on the Eldorado National Forest follows the Mokelumne Amador Calaveras Forest Health Resilience Project Record of Decision – Eldorado National Forest Amador Ranger District. A digital copy of the decision is available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/stanislaus/projects/65796> . The Good Neighbor Authority Agreement is kept on file at CAL FIRE Headquarters in Sacramento (715 P St., Sacramento, CA 95814).

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Signed by:

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